(c) what proposals were made by the Indian delegation; and

(d) what was the response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The proposals of the Indian delegation are subsumed in the proposals made by the Group of 77. The proposals of the Group of 77 embracing the substantive items on the agenda for UNCTAD VII; *Viz;* assessment of the relevant economic trends and formulation of policies and measures in the areas of money and finance, commodities, international trade and problems of least developed countries were finalised at the Ministerial Meeting of the Group held at Havana from 20—25 April, 1987.

Though the Conference was scheduled to conclude on 31st July, 1987, according to the reports received till the afternoon of 3rd August, 1987 discussions were still continuing.

Promotion of Iron-ore Exports

1065. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently prepared any specific proposal for the promotion of exports of Iron-ore; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI). (a) and (b) In order to promote exports of iron ore, these have to be competitive in the international market and marketing efforts have to be intensified. Government has taken steps aimed at expanding port capacity to receive large size vessels, increase in rail capacities and increased availabilty of iron ore. Iron ore exports have been diversified to new markets, and increased share had been obtained in the existing major markets.

Fire Calls in Delhi

1066. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of calls to put out fires received by the Delhi Fire Service during the last six months of the current year, monthwise;;

(b) whether the Delhi Fire Service successfully fought these fires;

(c) whether the Delhi Fire Brigade is lacking in fire engines, ambulances and manpower; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) The requisite figures are indicated below :

Month of 1937	No. of calls received
January	389 including 21 malicious
February	297 including 14 malicious
March	324 including 20 malicious
April	625 including 37 malicious
May	644 including 44 malicious
June	752 including 32 malicious
TOTAL :	3031 including 168 malicious

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Delhi Fire Service is fairly well equipped, in this respect.

(d) A grant of Rs. 11.83 crores has been sanctioned for the Delhi Fire

Service for opening 5 more fire stations and for acquiring modern equipments. The Delhi fire Service has procured a number of sophisticated fire equipments especially meant for fire fighting in high-rise buildings.

Setting up of a Second Uranium Enrichment Plant by Pakistan

1067. SHRI KAPIL VERMA :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan is setting up a second uranium enrichment plant with a West German firm providing technical assistance in the form of blueprints and some very sensitive equipment nad whether work on this plant deep inside Pakistan territory has already begun;

(b) whether these blueprints were stolen from a subsidiary of a West German firm; and

(c) whether some of these blueprints and equipment were seized by the Swisis Authorities who intercepted a consignment as it was being sent to Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) Government have seen several press reports to this effect and think they are quite likely to be correct.

Suitability of U.S. Supercomputer

1068. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :
SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Department of Science and Technology has given its opinion on the suitability of Cray XMP-14 supercomputer of the U.S. for region specific weather forecasting mission; if so, the details and Government's decision on the offer in its light; and

(b) whether the U.S. Government is willing to sign GENERIC agreement on supply of supercomputers; whether such an agreement will provide access to other generations of supercomputers in future; if so, the Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The Department of Science nad Technology, along with other departments of the Government, are involved in the on going process of evaluation of some supercomputers that are available for export from the USA to India for meteorologicgal purposes.

(b) Yes, Sir. The US Government has expressed its willingness to sign a generic agreement that was negotiated in December, 1986 regarding the sale of supercomputers to India. The question of signing this agreement is linked closely with the outcome of the ongoing evaluation of the US offer to license the sale of a supercomputer for meteorologieal purposes.

Calcutta, High Court's Judgement on Transfer of Kuchlibari Area to Bangladesh

1069. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the High Court of Calcutta has in its judgement restrained the proposed transfer of the Kuchlibari area to Bangladesh; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what steps Government are contemplating to take in this regard *vis-a-vis Bangladesh's* demand?